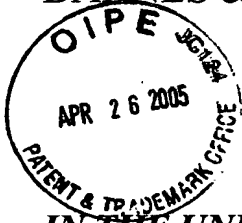


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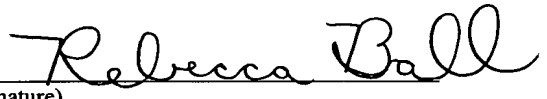
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Sir:

Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination with this response. Applicants filed a response on January 24, 2005 to the final Office Action mailed on October 22, 2004. The Examiner did not enter the claim amendments filed with the October 22 response. Applicants request non-entry of the amendments filed with October 22 response. Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees other than the fees for filing the Request for Continued Examination and the fee for the petition for extension of time filed

with the Request are required with this response. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 7475-69889.